

Maynard Finance Committee
Zoom Meeting ID: 849 3313 8572
6/14/21

Present: Elliot Bruce, Peter Campbell, Ken Estabrook (Chair), Alannah Gustavson, Kelly Kane, Jillian Prendergast (Vice Chair)

Absent: Tom Black

Others: Greg Johnson, Lauri Plourde, Natasha Rivera, Concerned citizens

All relevant documents available on board docs.

Ken called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. He went over the legal remote public meeting to order. This meeting was not recorded.

Ken brought up the agenda on the screen and went over it.

Ken brought up the May 10th minutes. Peter moved to approve the minutes. Elliot seconded. Vote 6-0 to approve.

Chair and Member updates

No updates.

FY21 Budget Update

Lauri - 105% of local receipts have been collected as of May 31st. End of year transfers are being worked on.

Greg added that ARPA money guidance has been given by the Treasurer department. He asked departments for their suggestions and he will create a budget recommendation. He believes the majority will be spent on infrastructure. Peter asked for a rough idea of the amount we should expect and if infrastructure is the main allowance for it. Greg said the approximate amount is 3.3 million dollars, given in two deposits. Infrastructure, public safety, health and welfare workers, and budget shortfalls are allowable. Peter also asked about the approval process. Greg said that the Selectboard will vote on the uses, but Lauri didn't think legally that was required. Peter asked that Greg send Fincom the suggested projects list.

Annual Town Meeting Process

Elliot remarked that it was a very quick Town Meeting this time around. Ken hopes the consent agenda continues to be used. Jill thought getting all Fincom recommendations printed in the Warrant was good for voters. Kelly enjoyed the outdoor meetings, and she likes having time to meet with the sponsors of the articles so we could be better informed. Alannah agreed with previous comments and also that she would like to see that any By-law changes have a "red lined" version so that voters can see what is actually changing in the By-law to avoid confusion. Ken would like Fincom to get back to our budget modeling, particularly around Capital expenses. He would also like to get back to Fincom being able to do a presentation once meetings are back indoors.

Transition to In-person meetings

Ken shared the Remote Participation Policy on the screen, which has changes that have been recommended and approved by Town Counsel. Ken asked who determines what is “unreasonably difficult”. With the suggested changes, it would be up to the Chair for each committee. Peter raised a concern that the removal of the specific reasons may put a high burden on the Chair. Ken thinks it could be also helpful for Chairs to make allowances to members. Ken asked Greg how the plan to meet physically is going to work. Greg plans to use the two big screens in the Selectboard meeting room, one towards the Board and one towards the audience to show the remote participants. There was discussion clarifying how the views would work. Ken asked about the capacity of the room. Greg clarified that state guidance no longer requires six foot distance between people indoors.

FY22 Planning

Ken shared his email in preparation for this meeting with the list of priorities for the coming fiscal year and went over them. Ken asked Greg about the Master Plan implementation committee. Greg said they have met and Jason Kreil is the Chair and he can get an update. Ken reiterated that the ATFC Webinar he sent in an email is worth taking a look at. There was discussion about Peter and Elliot participating in the Charter Review Committee. Alannah asked a clarifying question on how Fincom recruiting works and who is responsible for it. Ken said he sends any interested persons to Town Moderator Dick Downey. Peter thinks having a Fincom Advisory Subcommittee meeting is interesting but may be hard to recruit for. He wants the multi-year planning models to be a priority again in the coming fiscal year.

Agenda for June 28th

Ken wants to revisit our priorities for the next fiscal year and the Charter Review committee, as Fincom is a topic at their upcoming meeting. Greg plans to have the end of year transfers for our July 12th meeting. There was further discussion on officers for the upcoming fiscal year.

Peter motioned to adjourn, Jill seconded. Vote 6-0 to approve at 8:17pm.

FinCom Reserve FY21

Approved at Town Meeting, Article 13:	\$250,000.00
Approved by FinCom	
Police Sal - Sick Leave Buyback	\$73,134.00
Fire Sal - Sick Leave Buyback	\$33,562.56
Library Director Retirement	\$23,959.00
Asbestos Abatement Town Hall	\$18,292.71
Total remaining in Reserve Fund	\$101,051.73